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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in reply to the non-final Office Action mailed on March 3, 2006, a response to which is due, with a three-month time extension, no later than

<u>September 5, 2006</u>.

A petition and the fee for an extension of time of three months are enclosed.

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.